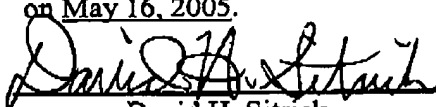


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AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits this Amendment B for the Final Office Action—Date Mailed: January 26, 2005, Paper No. 20000127, for which a response is due April 26, 2004 by a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire three months from the mailing date of the Office Action. This response is hereby extended one month by Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Claims 1-7, 9-23, 25-82, 94, 95 and 97-118 are pending in the application. Claims 41-51 are allowed. Claims 1-7, 9-23, 25-40, 53-76, 79-82, 86-92, 94, 95 and 99-118 are rejected. Claims 52, 77, 78, 97 and 98 are objected to.

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Fletcher for his telephone interview regarding the present application on April 26, 2005.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 9-11, 18, 40, 53-61, 66, 71-74, 78, 82-85, 89, 95, 98 and 113-115 are hereby currently amended. Claims 2-5, 12-17, 19-23, 25-33, 35-39, 41-44, 46, 47, 51, 63, 68, 70, 76, 79-81 and 106-110 were previously amended. Claims 34, 45, 48-50, 62, 64 and 65 are original. Claims 52, 75, 77, 86, 87, 90-92, 94, 97 and 116-118 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 8, 24, 67, 69, 88, 93 and 96 were previously canceled. Claims 99-105, 111

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